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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ DIRNSA CRITIC FOLLOW-UP ONE AND FINAL TO
 USA-29 CRITIC 10-72 181405Z DEC 72 ON 18 DECEMBER BETWEEN 1149Z AND 1624Z NORTH
 VIETNAMESE AIR DEFENSE FACILITIES REFLECTED A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 129 HOSTILE
 AIRCRAFT OPERATING OVER NORTH VIETNAM IN THE AREAS OF HANOI, HAIPHONG, YEN BAI,
 NA SAN AND PHUC YEN. TWO AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED AS B-52'S WERE REPORTED DAMAGED;
 ONE WAS REPORTEDLY SHOTDOWN IN THE AREA OF HANOI AND THE OTHER, SEVERELY
 DAMAGED, RETURNED TO UTAPAO, THAILAND. AT 1338Z, A SPEAKER POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED
 WITH BATTALION 51, 267TH SAM REGIMENT (NAM DINH AREA) PASSED A PRELIMINARY
 POST-ENGAGEMENT REPORT, INDICATING THE UNIT HAD LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES AT A B-52
 AT 1317Z, PERSONNEL AT BATTALION 51 AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED \$OBSERVERS\$ REPORTED
 THAT BOTH MISSILES HAD \$DETONATED WELL.\$ NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES ALSO
 REFLECTED ONE FLIGHT OF THREE B-52S FLYING SOUTHEAST FROM 19-42N 105-10E AT
 1317Z TO A FINAL POSITION OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN AT 18-41N 105-57E AT 1322Z.
 LATER, AT 1541Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER, POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH A HANOI AREA
 SA-7 UNIT (UNIDENTIFIED) REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF A U.S. PILOT. HOWEVER, NEITHER
 THE IDENTIFY OF THE PILOT NOR THE TYPE OF HIS AIRCRAFT WERE REVEALED. THERE IS
 NO EVIDENCE CORRELATING THE MISSILE LAUNCH WITH THE LATER REPORTED PILOT
 CAPTURE. COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORT THAT ONE B-52 IN LILAC FLIGHT, SUSTAINED
 SEVERE BATTLE DAMAGE, PROBABLY FROM SURFACE- TO-AIR MISSILES WHILE TURNING OFF
 TARGET AT 21-09N 105-51E. THE AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY RECOVERED SAFELY AT UTAPAO,
 THAILAND WITH THE PILOT IN VERY SERIOUS CONDITION. COLLATERAL SOURCES ALSO
 REPORT THE DOWNING OF A B-52 IN THE HANOI AREA. A PRESS RELEASE CARRIED BY
 RADIO HANOI ALSO REPORTED THAT A B-52 HAD BEEN DOWNED IN THE HANOI AREA. THERE
 IS NO SIGINT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON THE REPORTED B-52 SHOOTDOWN. FURTHER
 AMPLIFYING DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 1317Z SA-2 LAUNCHES WILL BE CARRIED IN A
 SEPARATE SERIES. 480 #0680 HNNN

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